

## MINUTES OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1 MAR 22

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL Held on Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Anne Hodgkins (Chair), Marion Adkins, Philip Baffour, Liz Garforth-Bles, Hannah Piet, Philip Thompson, Jenny Walker, Lord Andover; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall (until 8pm); 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Tom Blanden.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. Nil.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
3. Urgent Items at Chair's Discretion. None. However the Chair invited Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall to give a brief Wilts Council update, which she did.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the 11 Jan 22 PC meeting were approved. The letter to Hd of Planning Wilts Council was outstanding but it was accepted that the letter was no longer needed. One outstanding point was the tree for the B4040 – the tree was in the Clerk's possession but Wilts Highways authority had not yet been given.
6. Finance. The account was heading for an end-of-year figure of £13,945. The following payments were authorized:
  - Chq 527 – £2304.64, Clerk, salary less tax.
  - 528 –£576.16, HMRC, PAYE on Clerk's salary.
  - 529 – £33.64, Clerk's expenses, mainly re-stocking on printer ink.
  - 530 - £800, Recreation Centre, the previously-approved grant for play equipment.

The China Huaneng Ltd payment had not yet arrived (had been received in July last year)

7. Malmesbury Town Community Governance Review. Initial information had been received from Wiltshire Council about a Community Governance Review into Malmesbury Town which, it was recommended by the Wiltshire Council Electoral Review Committee, would result in the northern part of St Paul Malmesbury Without (SPMW) parish, including notably Milbourne village, being subsumed into an enlarged Charlton parish. Full detail was expected this week but did not arrive in time for this meeting. Representatives of Malmesbury TC and SPMW PC were present as members of the public and were allowed by the Chair to say a few words of explanation. Cllrs expressed some support and some opposition but the final decision was that there was not enough information for a position on the matter to be decided. The Clerk would inform Wilts Council and probably would need to arrange an additional PC meeting in 2-3 weeks time to decide the matter. **Action: Clerk**
8. Platinum Jubilee. The Performance Event initiative being suggested by Anne Holland was discussed. It was no longer looking to involve the Last Baguette Theatre Company who were committed elsewhere but someone else recommended by them, a performance artist, Louise Jordan. Her costings showed a possible PC contribution of £401 which would be covered by the £600 already voted for by the PC. Hannah Piet would attend the Rec Centre Committee meeting on Thu 4 Mar to represent the PC.

**Action: Hannah Piet**

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9. Book Exchange. Cllr Tom Blanden was absent unwell but had sent an email report. He reported a few quotes and responses for the door repair/replacement, notably a repair by a Malmesbury carpenter at £120. The PC agreed that this should go ahead.

**Action: Tom Blanden**

10. Improving Community Communications. Anne Hodgkins led a discussion. She posed 2 questions – do we think we should do any more, and how approach it at the APM? There was little feedback (apart from one idea to do more simply by email) and she would take it to the APM.

**Action: Anne Hodgkins**

11. Community Environmental Plan. Anne Hodgkins led a discussion. There had been no response to her note in the Dec/Jan Chat seeking anyone interested to make contact. She had no time to do more. Would anyone else take it on? No Cllr stepped forward and the PC agreed to shelve the subject for the time being.

12. Best Kept Village. The PC agreed to enter this year. The Clerk was asked to improve the map – he would liaise with Philip Baffour. The Clerk would also approach Jane Tsabet about leading the clean-up again.

**Action: Clerk**

13. Annual Parish Meeting 2 Apr. The agenda should include the Platinum Jubilee and Improving Communications (as well as the Chair's Report and a Rec Centre Report), while there would be CSW and SID displays. Anne Hodgkins would produce a poster and Marion Adkins offered to look after the refreshments (cake and tea/coffee).

**Action: Anne Hodgkins, Marion Adkins, Tom Blanden (SID display), Clerk**

14. Public Electric Car Charging. The intent was to identify questions that would need answering in due course, not to have substantive discussions on the subject now. The questions were noted as Why? (would include being clear about how many residences would be unable to home-charge a car), Where? Installation cost? Operating system and costs? Cost to customers?). Next steps – to await the Area Board looking at it.

15. CSW Update. A county-wide CSW team leaders' group was now functioning. Enforcement had returned to Charlton on another occasion recently and had caught 9 drivers, one of whom would receive a fine and driving licence points, the others who would have the option of a fine or a Speed Awareness course.

16. SID Update. Tom Blanden reported by email. He now had the ability to download data. He proposed that the SID pole needed handles to make movement easier – the Clerk was asked to liaise with him.

**Action: Clerk**

17. Footpaths. Liz Garforth-Bles reported. She had been approached by the Footpaths Group leader in Lea with a view to improving footpaths between the 2 parishes. PCs were being encouraged now to form local Footpaths Groups – residents and walkers who were willing to maintain routes, keeping them open and accessible – and this would be mentioned in the Chair's Report to the APM to start looking for volunteers.

**Action: Liz Garforth-Bles, Chair**

18. Planning. Applications considered since the last meeting: Village Farmhouse – partial objection. Applications decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting: Charlton Farm (Pink Lane), garden room; Elm Hill Farmhouse, alterations to outbuilding (raise roof 60cms); Conigre House 2-storey rear extension, porch and dormer windows to front; all permitted. Land at Braydon convert barn to dwelling – refused. Outstanding Applications:

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Land off Pond Lane battery storage site (deadline 3 Mar), Oakley Farm new garage, redefined domestic curtilage (deadline 1 Mar). Earlier Planning Applications not yet decided: Minety Solar Farm; Five Lanes Solar Farm; Charlton Park 3 greenhouses demolition; Beechwood House form agricultural access to paddock; Land South of B4040 beef cattle barns; Land on Bullocks Horn Lane, Outline Planning Application for a cattle barn.

17. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting.

- Lord Andover suggested – move to an electronic/digital Chat – saving on printing cost and delivery time and effort.
- The Chair announced her intention not to stand again for the Chair in May.

18. Dates of Next Meetings. (2 Apr APM), 10 May, 5 Jul, 6 Sep, 1 Nov.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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